

# **Bayesian Anomaly Detection for Ia supernovae using JAX-bandflux**

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# Outline

JAX and JAX-bandflux

Bayesian anomaly detection

Apply on Ia supernovae

## JAX and JAX-bandflux

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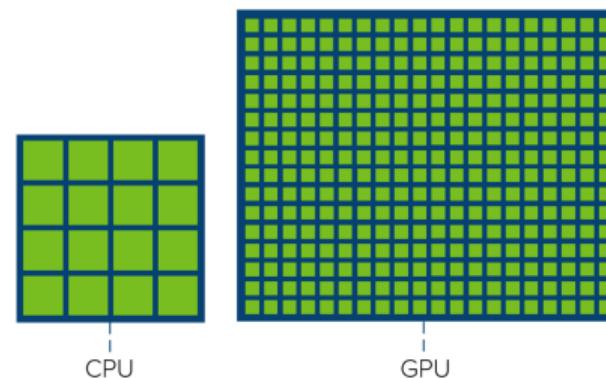
# What is JAX

- JAX is a high-performance numerical computing library
- Combines NumPy-like functionality with:
  - Automatic differentiation (like TensorFlow/PyTorch)
  - Just-in-time (JIT) compilation
  - GPU/TPU acceleration
- Fundamentally, allows us to run highly parallelized operations on powerful GPUs



# Why do we care about doing things on GPUs

- Massive parallelization capabilities
  - CPUs: Few cores (4-64), high clock speeds
  - GPUs: Thousands of cores, designed for parallel tasks
  - Significant performance improvements for numerical computations
- Useful for astronomical applications
  - Processing large datasets (e.g., supernova surveys)
  - Running complex simulations (e.g., SBI)
  - Performing parameter inference with many samples



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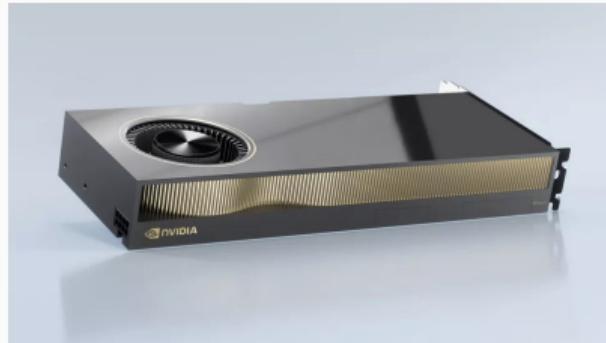
- Vectors length must be defined at compilation
- Limited control flow (no while loops, etc)
- Debugging and optimising is hard

## JAX numpy vs numpy

```
import numpy as np
x = np.arange(10)
y = np.zeros_like(x)
for i in range(len(x)):
    y[i] = x[i] * 2
```

```
import jax.numpy as jnp
from jax import vmap
x = jnp.arange(10)
def double(v):
    return v * 2
y = vmap(double)(x)
```

## What is JAX bandflux?



## What does JAX-bandflux do?

$$F(p, \lambda) = x_0 [M_0(p, \lambda) + x_1 M_1(p, \lambda) + \dots] \times \exp[c CL(\lambda)] \quad (1)$$

**IN:**

- $x_0, x_1, t_0, c$
- $M_0(p, \lambda), M_1(p, \lambda)$
- $p$  (phase/redshift)
- $CL(\lambda)$

**OUT:**

- Flux:  $F(p, \lambda)$

## Bandflux Computation

- Bandflux: Integrated flux through a specific filter

$$\text{bandflux} = \int_{\lambda_{\min}}^{\lambda_{\max}} F(\lambda) \cdot T(\lambda) \cdot \frac{\lambda}{hc} d\lambda \quad (2)$$

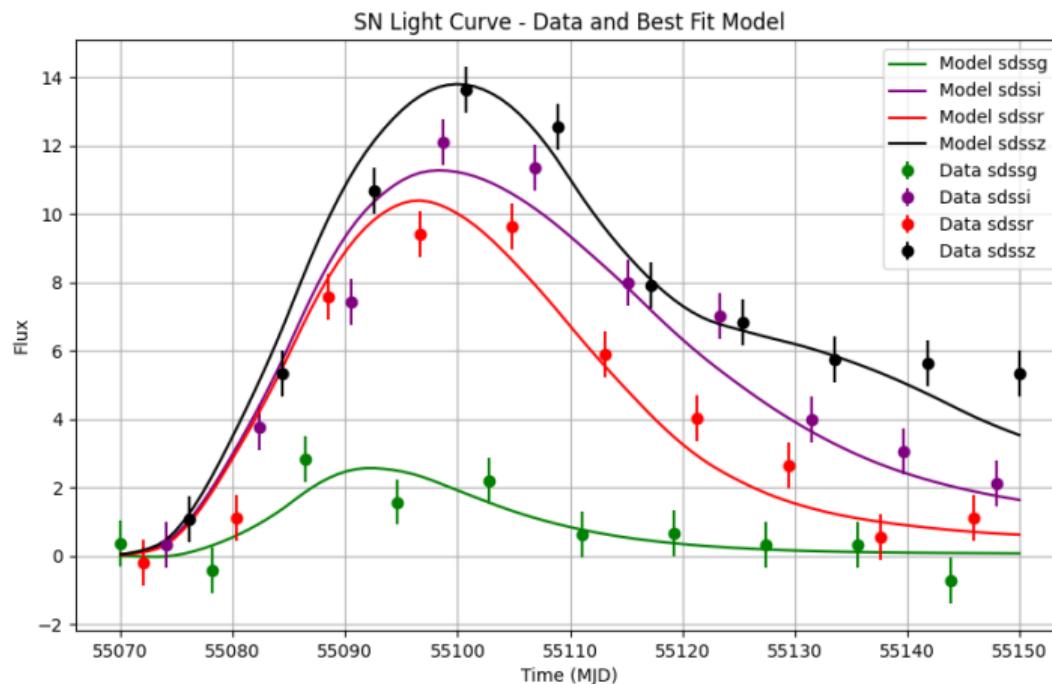
- Components:
  - $F(\lambda)$ : Spectral flux density
  - $T(\lambda)$ : Filter transmission function
  - $\lambda/(hc)$ : Conversion from energy to photon counts
- Implementation in JAX-bandflux:
  - Vectorized array operations
  - JIT-compiled for efficiency
  - Trapezoidal integration along wavelength dimension
  - Parallelized across multiple data instances via vmap

## Can now construct GPU compatible likelihood

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{F} \mid \theta) = \prod_i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma_i} \exp \left[ -\frac{(F_i - \mu_i(\theta))^2}{2 \sigma_i^2} \right]$$

- Observed fluxes  $F_i$ : measured data; model fluxes  $\mu_i(\theta)$ : predicted flux given parameters
- With this likelihood we can now perform parameter estimation
- Likelihood is differentiable and can be compiled as part of broader GPU workflows

# Can now fit light curves on GPU

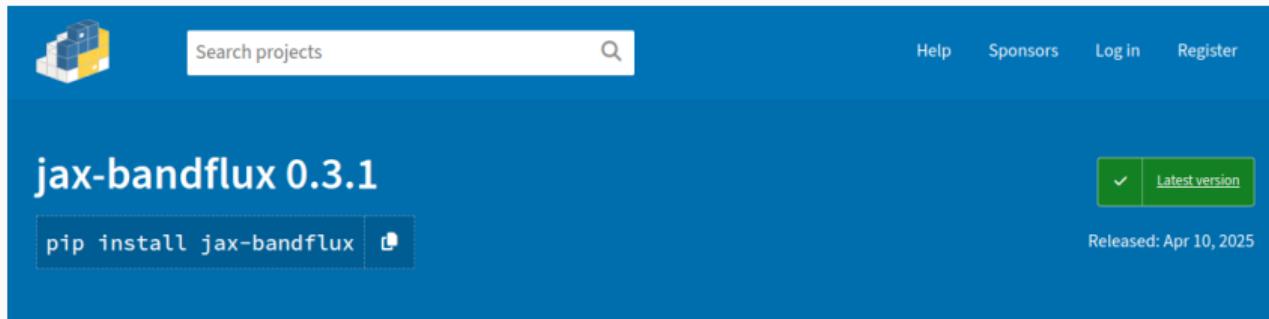


## Bandflux Computation Example

- For a detailed walkthrough of bandflux computation:
  - Interactive Jupyter notebook with step-by-step implementation
  - Demonstrates JAX-bandflux API usage
  - Shows performance benefits of GPU acceleration
  - Includes visualization of results
- Access the example notebook:

[Supernovae Analysis Example Notebook](#)

# PIP installable



JAX-bandflux: differentiable supernovae SALT modelling  
for cosmological analysis on GPUs

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## **Bayesian anomaly detection**

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# Over simplified example of anomaly detection method (thresholding)

## Simple statistical approach:

- Calculate mean ( $\mu$ ) and standard deviation ( $\sigma$ ) of the data
- Define threshold  $T = \mu + k\sigma$  where  $k$  is a sensitivity parameter
- Flag data point  $x_i$  as anomalous if:

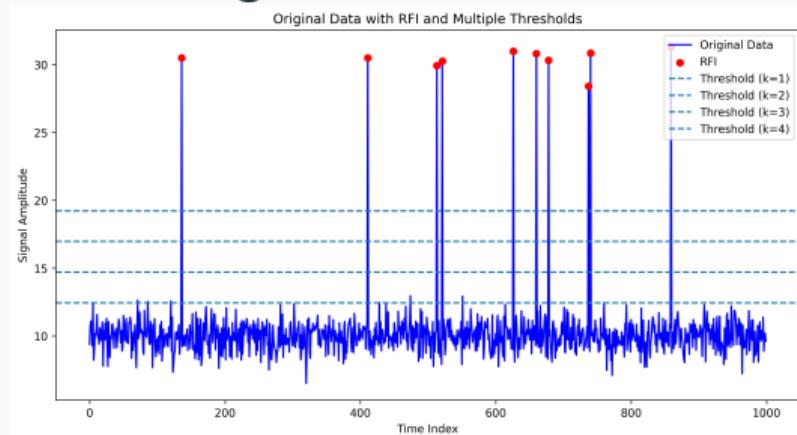
$$\text{anomaly}_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x_i > T \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

## Limitations:

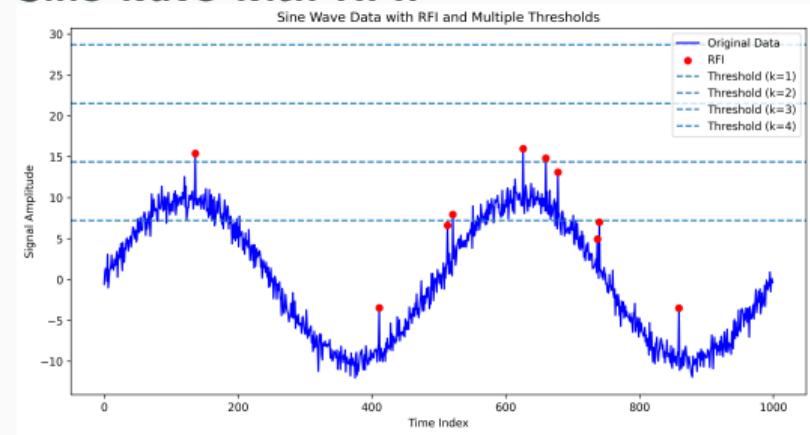
- Choice of  $k$  is arbitrary
- Assumes Gaussian statistics
- No consideration of temporal correlations
- Cannot distinguish between RFI and real signals

# Thresholding results

## Constant signal with RFI:



## Sine wave with RFI:



# Defining an anomaly sensitive likelihood

a) Generate piecewise likelihood:

$$P(\mathcal{D}_i|\theta) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{L}_i(\theta) & : \text{expected} \\ \Delta^{-1}[0 < \mathcal{D}_i < \Delta] & : \text{anomalous,} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

b) Ascribe Bernoulli prior:

$$P(\varepsilon_i) = p_i^{(1-\varepsilon_i)}(1-p_i)^{\varepsilon_i}. \quad (5)$$

c) Marginalise over epsilon:

$$P(\mathcal{D}|\theta) = \sum_{\varepsilon \in \{0,1\}^N} P(\mathcal{D}, \varepsilon|\theta) \quad (6)$$

d) Approximate correct mask is most likely

$$P(\mathcal{D}|\theta, \varepsilon_{\max}) \gg \max_j P(\mathcal{D}|\theta, \varepsilon^{(j)}), \quad (7)$$

e) Loglikelihood:

$$\log P(\mathcal{D}|\theta) = \sum_i [\log \mathcal{L}_i + \log(1-p_i)] \varepsilon_i^{\max} + [\log p_i - \log \Delta](1 - \varepsilon_i^{\max}) \quad (8)$$

## Computing the Posterior

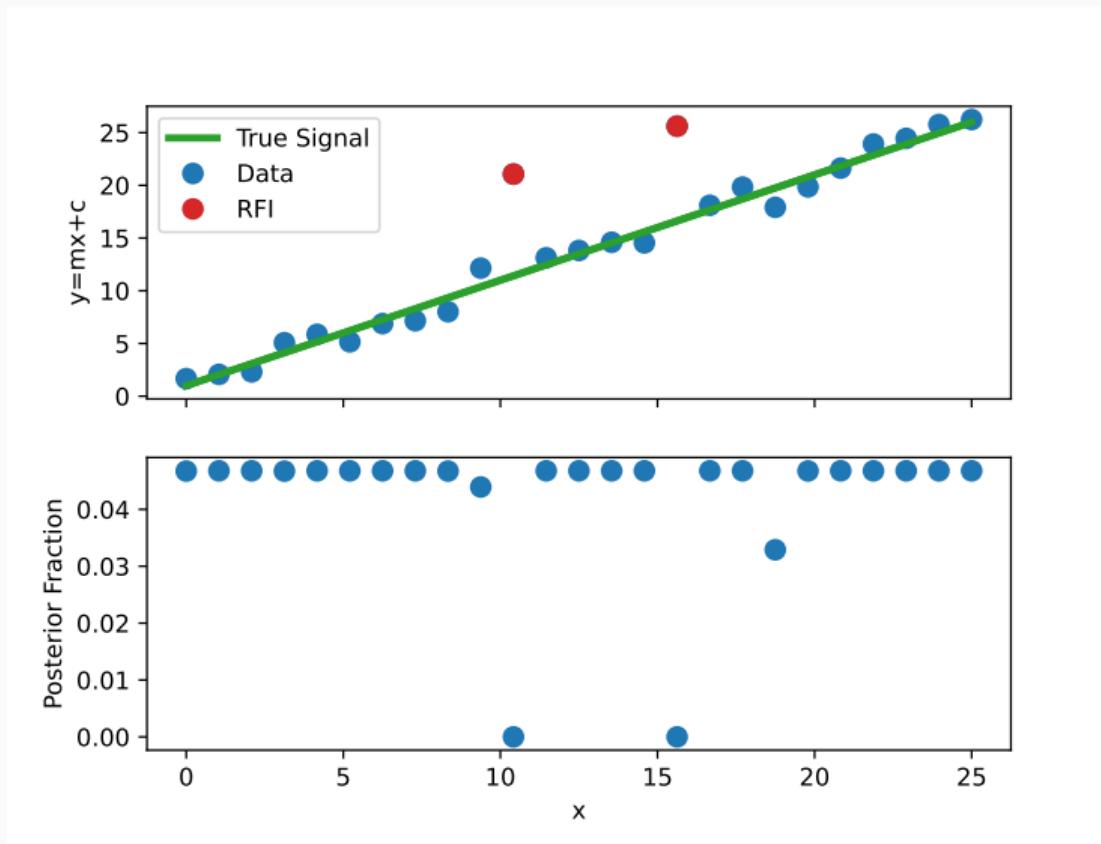
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f) Maximise  $\varepsilon^{\max}$  by comparing the terms:

$$\log P(\mathcal{D}|\theta) = \begin{cases} \log \mathcal{L}_i + \log(1 - p_i), & \text{if } [\log \mathcal{L}_i + \log(1 - p_i) > \log p_i - \log \Delta] \\ \log p_i - \log \Delta, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

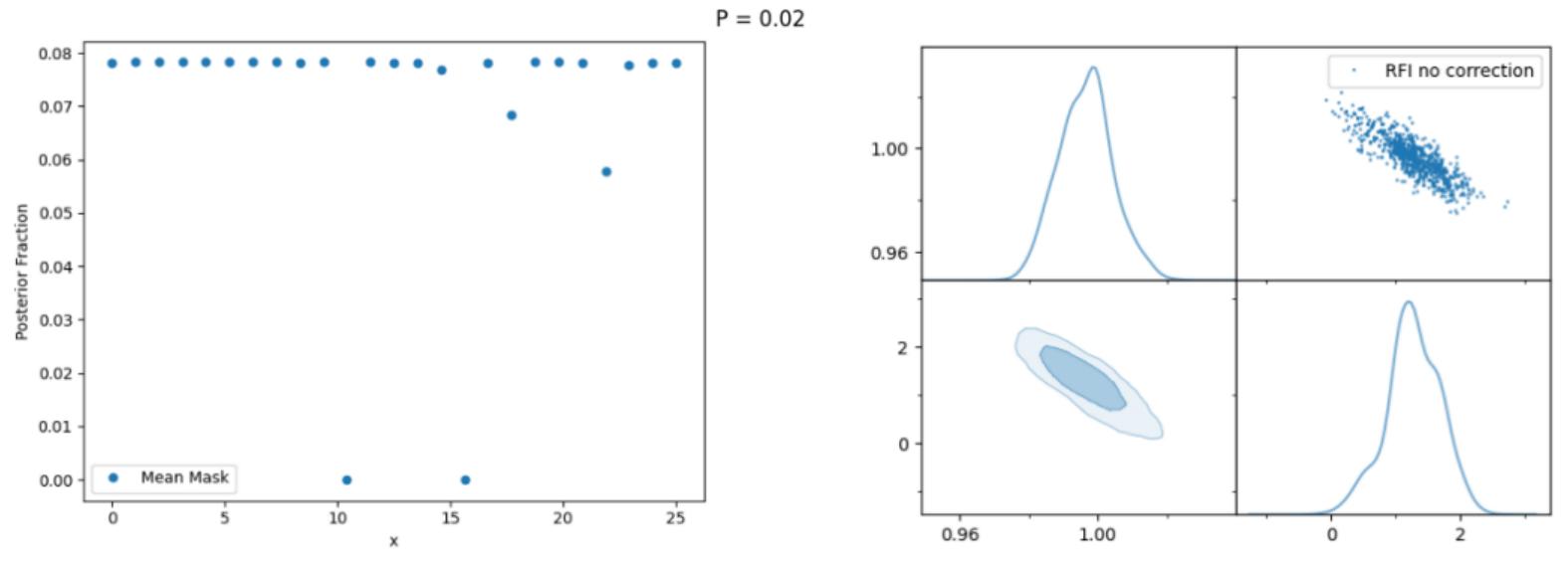
## Fit on a simple toy model



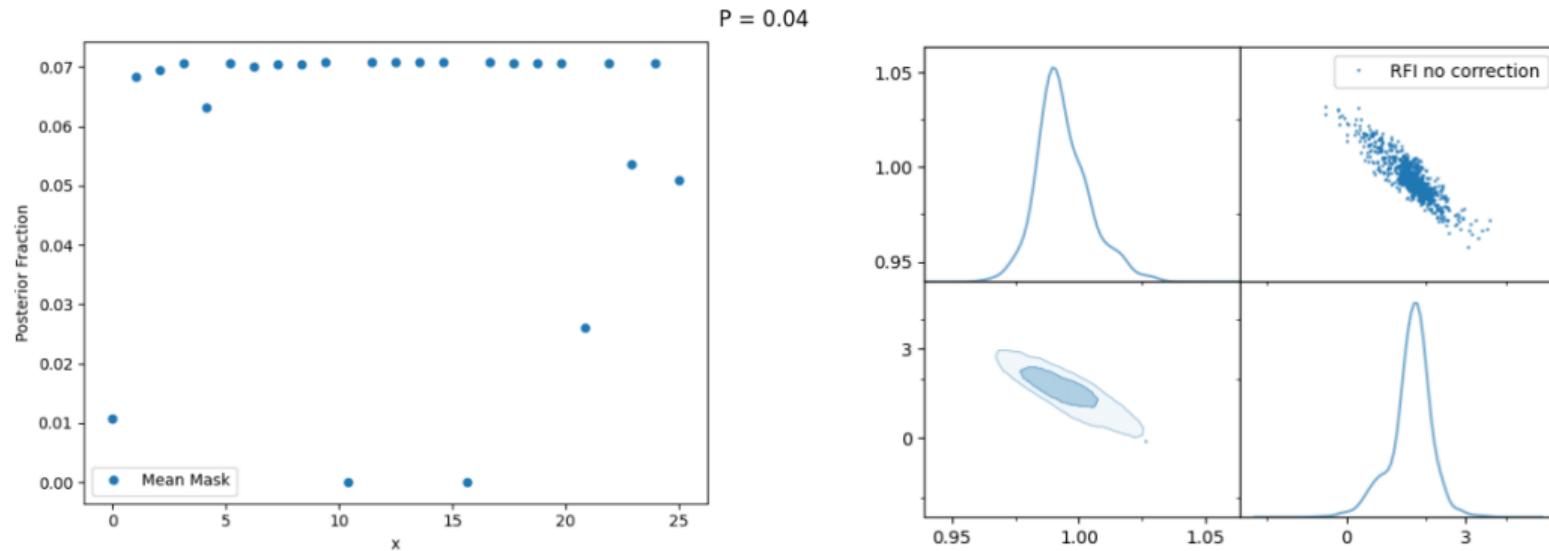
## Likelihood thresholding condition $p$

$$\log P(\mathcal{D}|\theta) = \sum_i [\log \mathcal{L}_i + \log(1 - p_i)]\varepsilon^{\max} + [\log p_i - \log \Delta](1 - \varepsilon_i^{\max}) \quad (9)$$

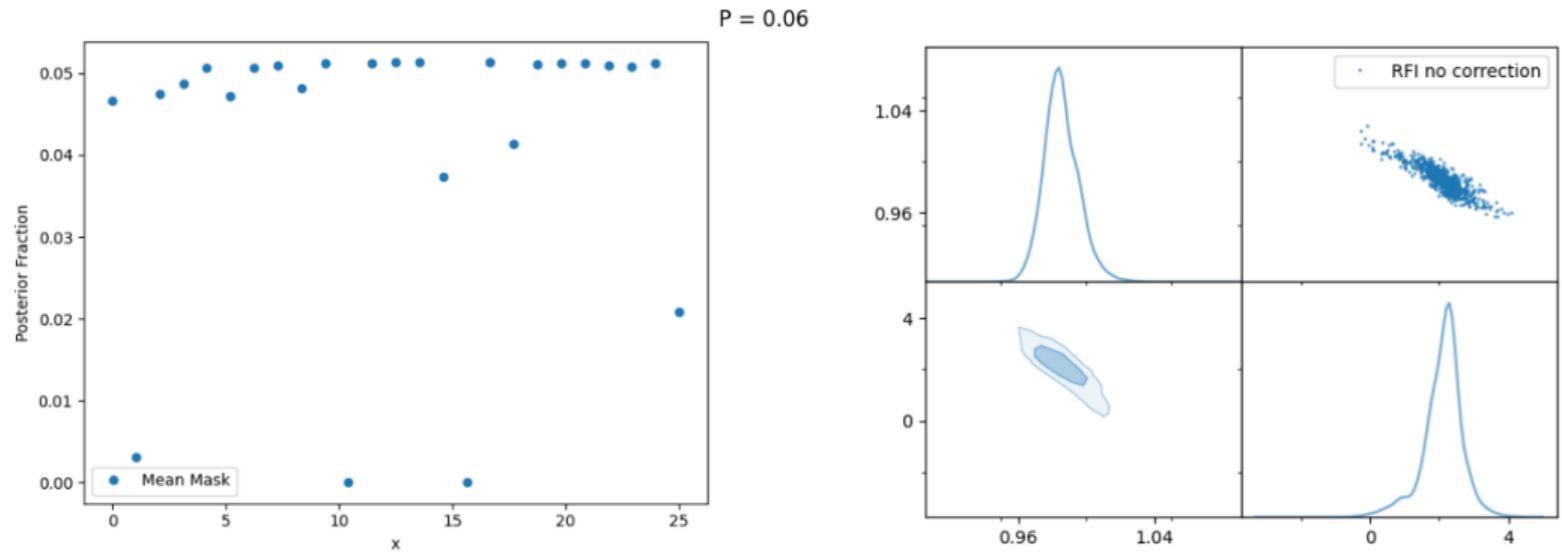
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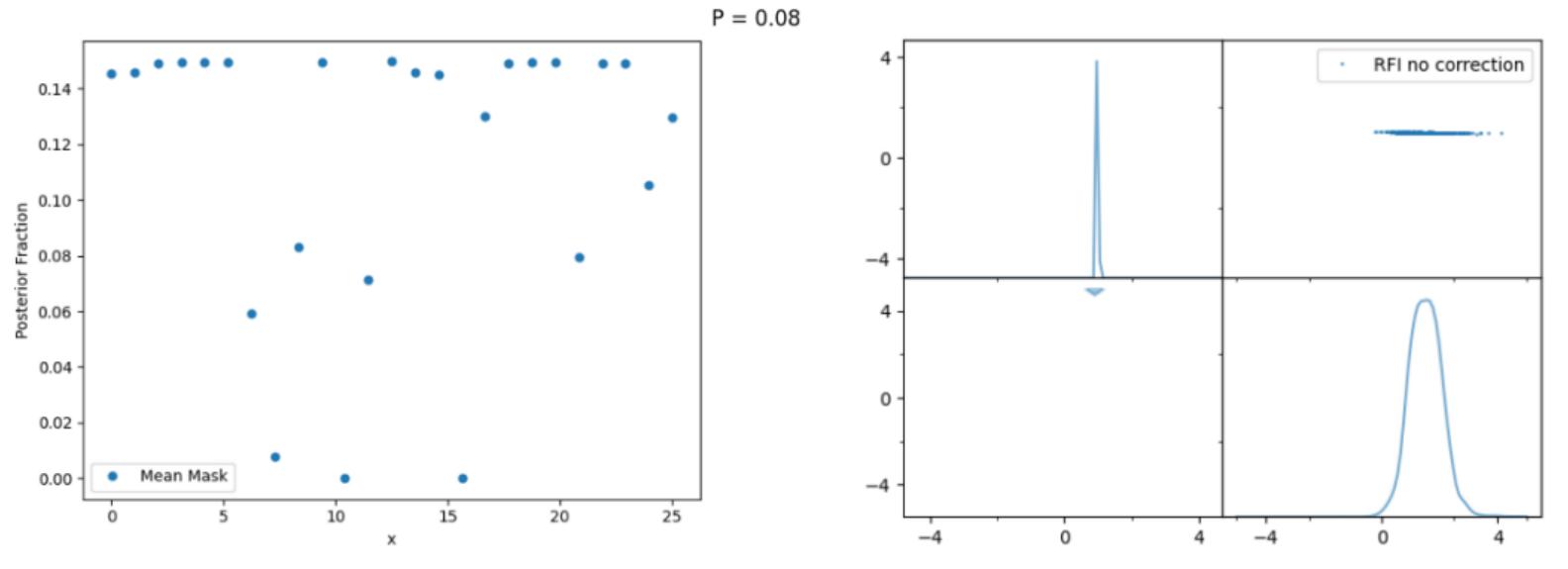
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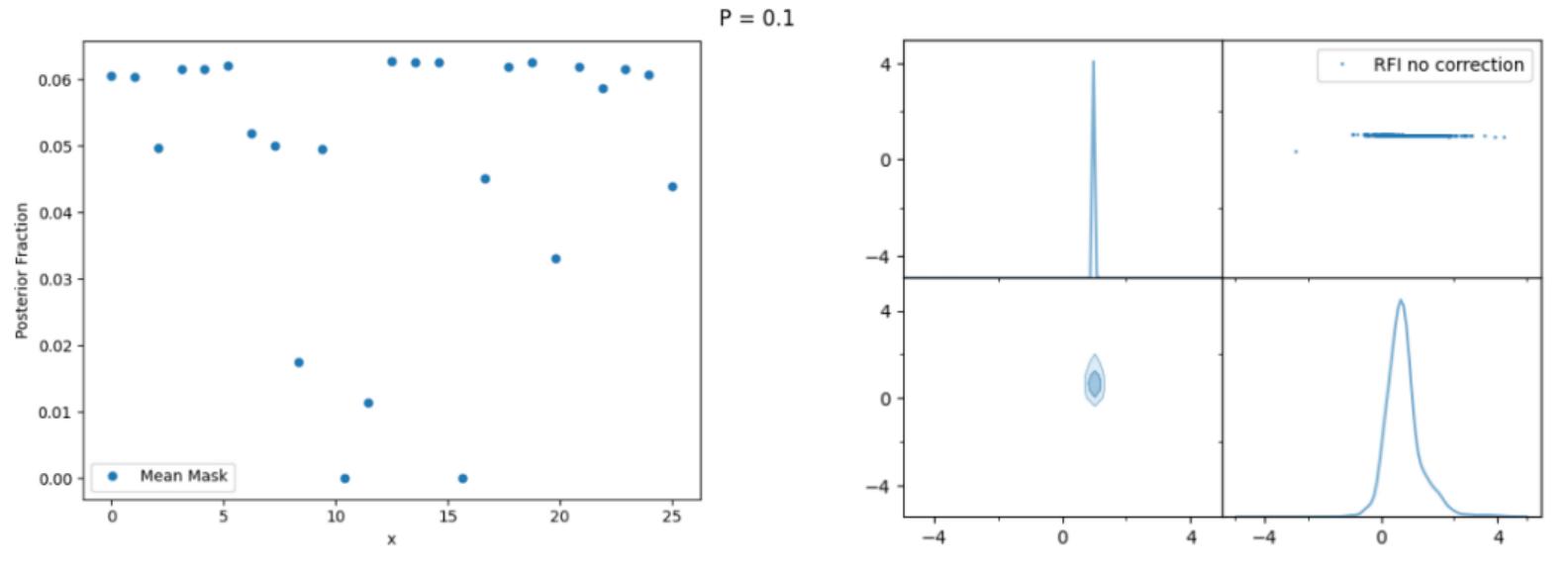
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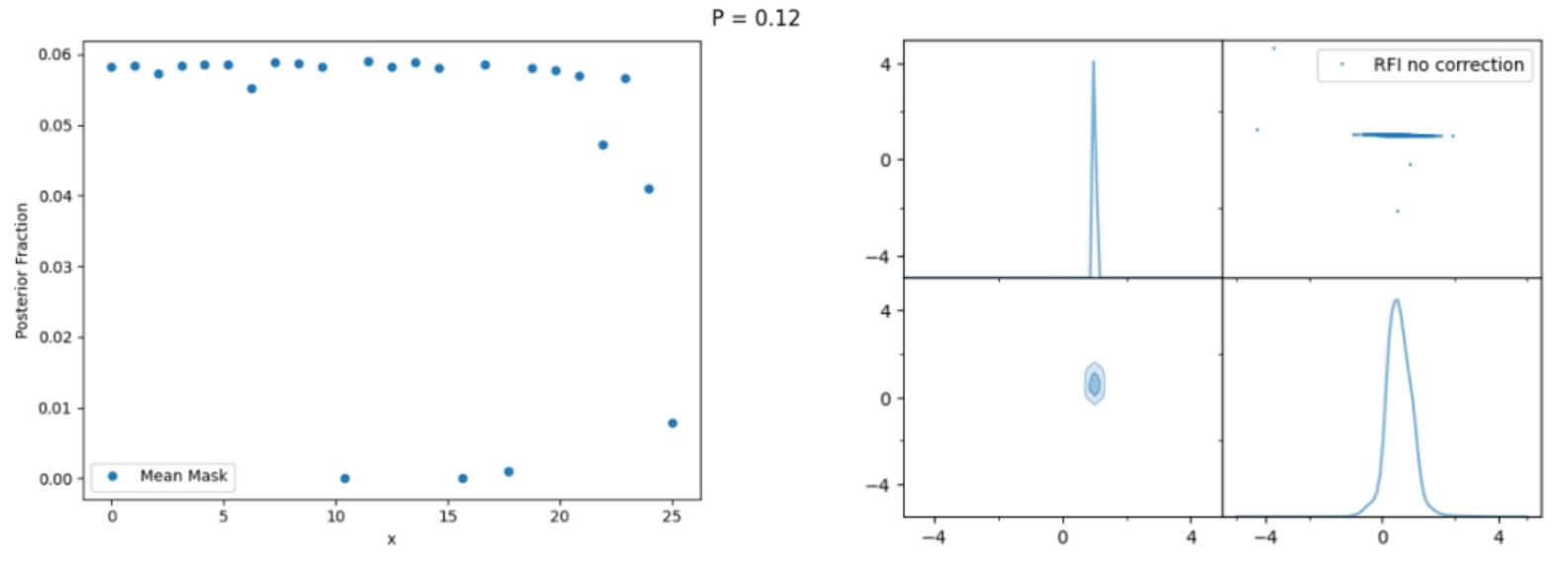
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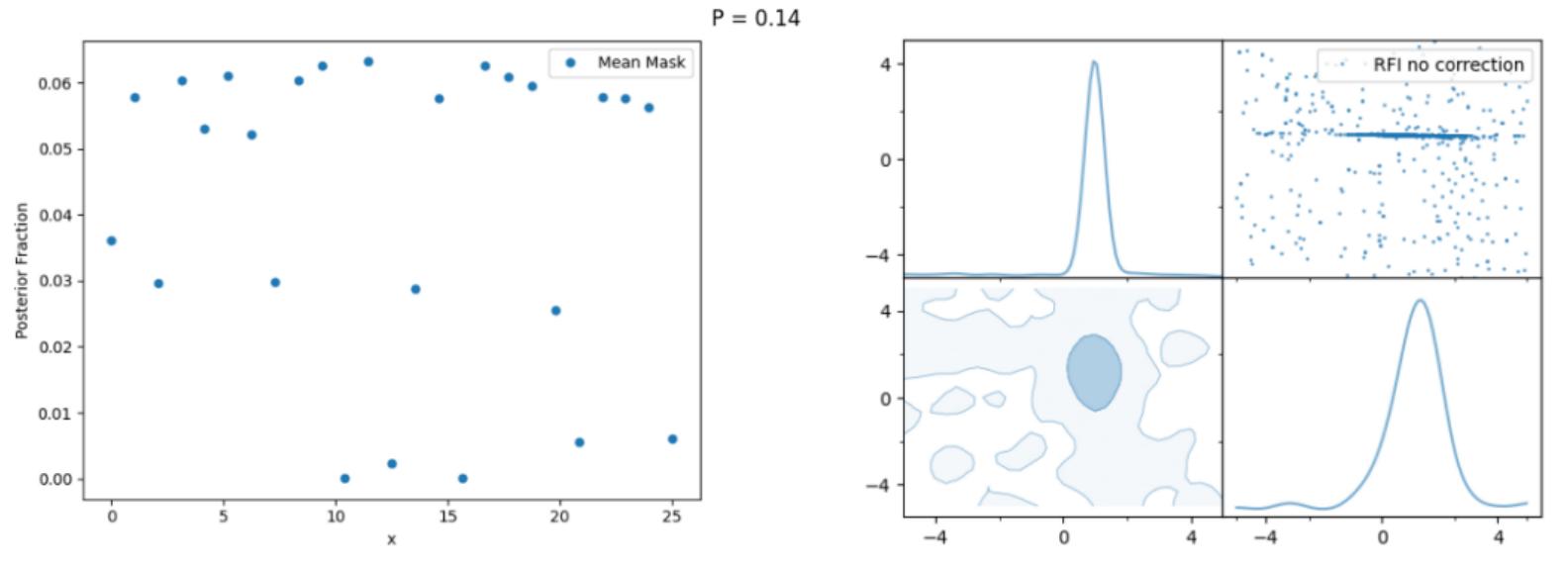
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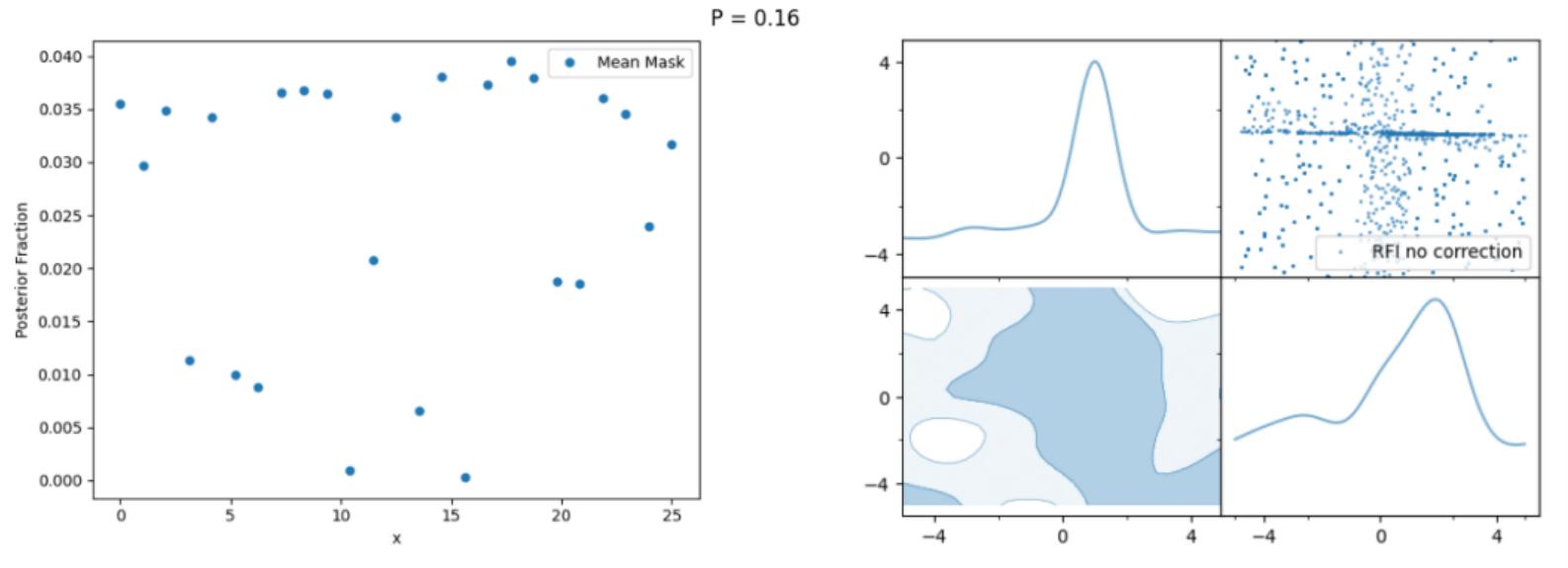
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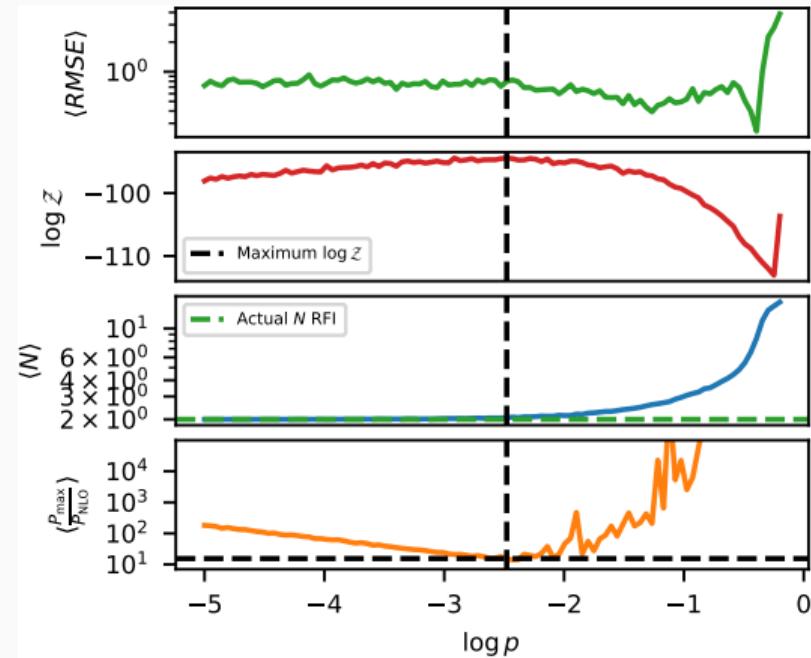


## Varying $p$



## Selection strategy for $p$ .

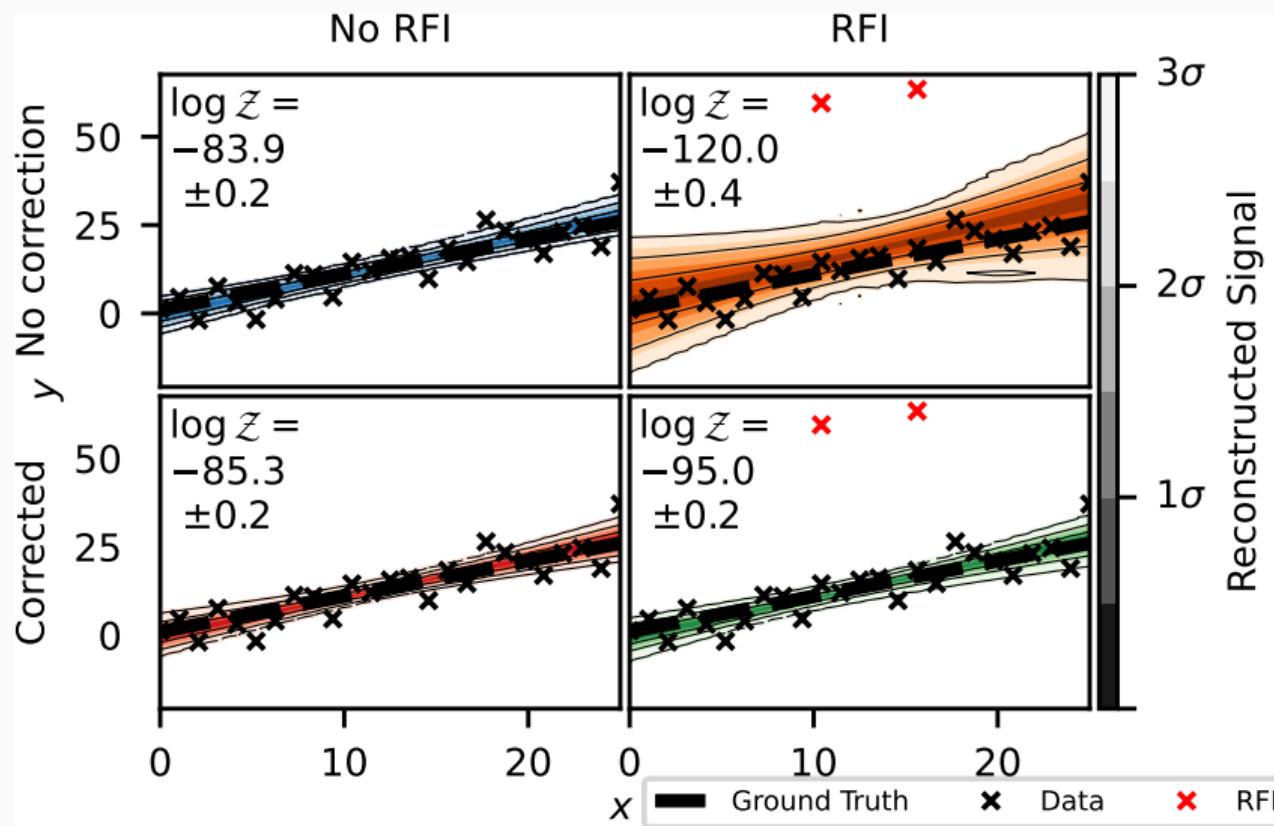
- ‘Select  $p$  such that the Bayesian evidence is maximised’



## Fully automated anomaly detection

- Putting a prior on  $p$ , we can fit it dynamically as a free parameter.
- This fully automates the anomaly detection process.
- Must exclude  $p = 0$ .

## Application to toy model



## Implement with 2 lines of code

```
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42 def likelihood(theta):
43     sig = theta[0]
44     logL = -(f_noise - window)**2/sig**2/2 - np.log(2*np.pi*sig**2)/2
45     return logL, []
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55 def likelihood(theta):
56     sig = theta[0]
57     logL = -(f_noise - window)**2/sig**2/2 - np.log(2*np.pi*sig**2)/2 + np.log(1-p)
58     emax = logL > logP - np.log(delta)
59     logPmax = np.where(emax, logL, logP - np.log(delta)).sum()
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61     return logPmax, []
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Tutorial @ [github.com/samleeney](https://github.com/samleeney)

## Bayesian approach to radio frequency interference mitigation

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Interfering signals such as radio frequency interference from ubiquitous satellite constellations are becoming an endemic problem in fields involving physical observations of the electromagnetic spectrum. To address this we propose a novel data cleaning methodology. Contamination is simultaneously flagged and managed at the likelihood level. It is modeled in a Bayesian fashion through a piecewise likelihood that is constrained by a Bernoulli prior distribution. The techniques described in this paper can be implemented with just a few lines of code.

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## Standard vs. Anomaly Detection Likelihoods

### Standard Likelihood:

$$\log \mathcal{L}_{\text{std}} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_i \left( \frac{f_i - m_i}{\sigma_i} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \log(2\pi\sigma_i^2) \quad (10)$$

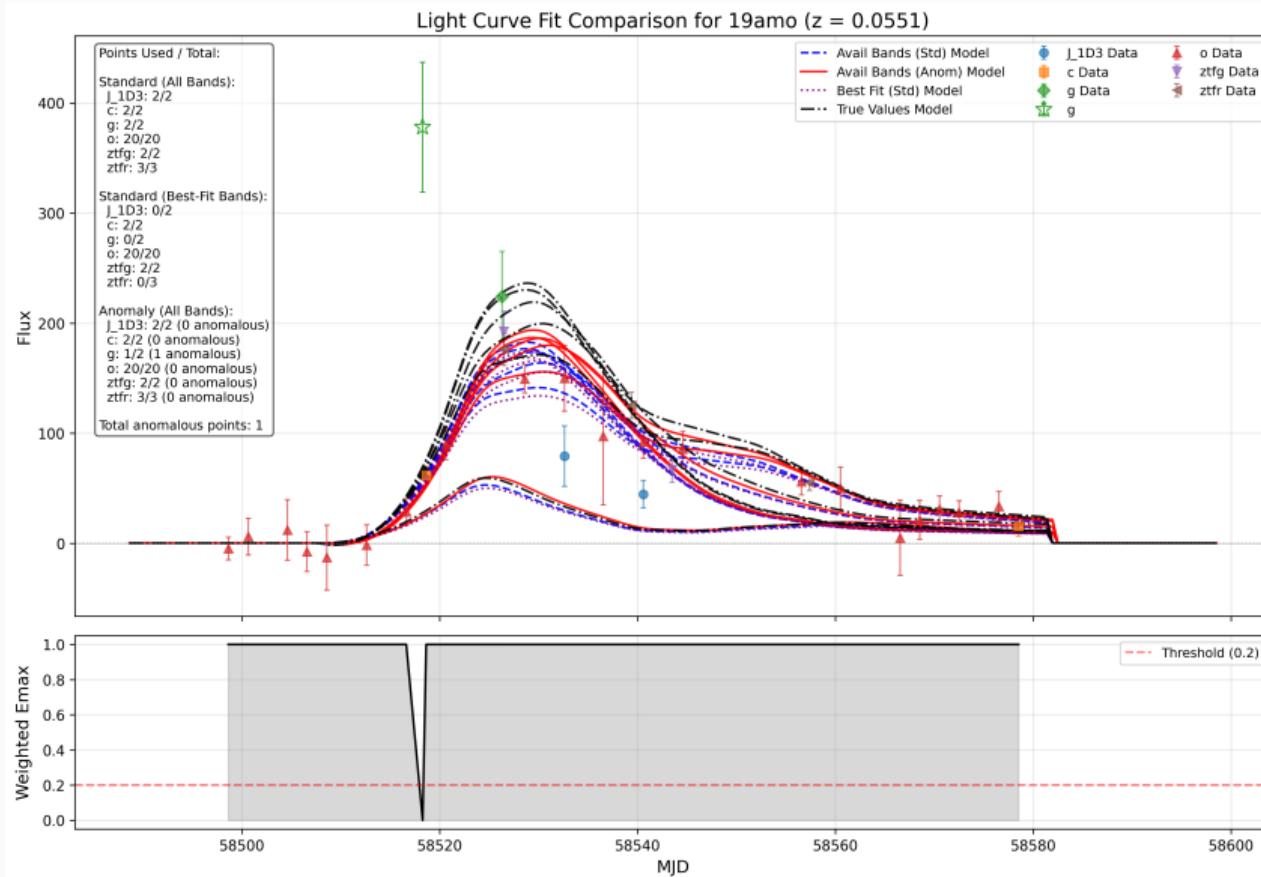
- $f_i$ : Observed flux
- $m_i$ : Model flux (SALT3)
- $\sigma_i$ : Flux uncertainty

### Anomaly Detection Likelihood:

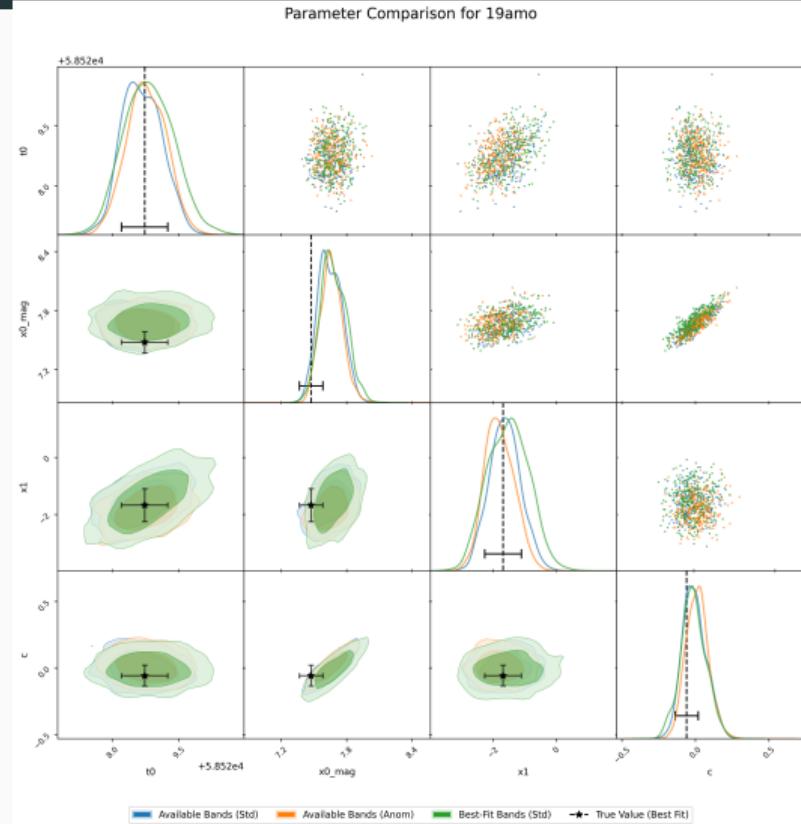
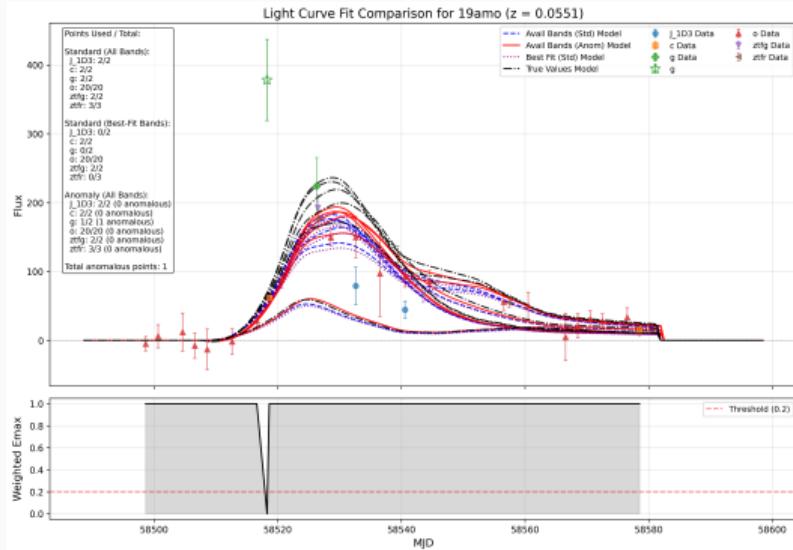
$$\log \mathcal{L}_{\text{anom}} = \sum_i \begin{cases} \log \mathcal{L}_i + \log(1 - p), & \text{if } e_i^{\max} \\ \log p - \log \Delta, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

- $\log \mathcal{L}_i$ : Point-wise standard likelihood
- $p$ : Anomaly probability (fitted parameter)
- $e_i^{\max}$ : Boolean indicating normal data
- $\Delta$ : Maximum flux range

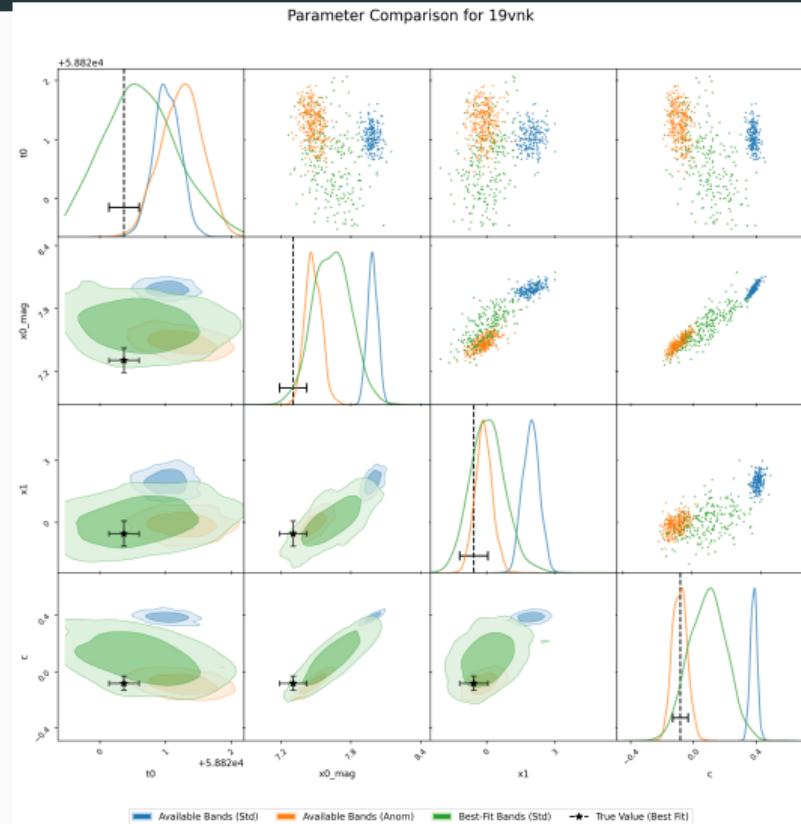
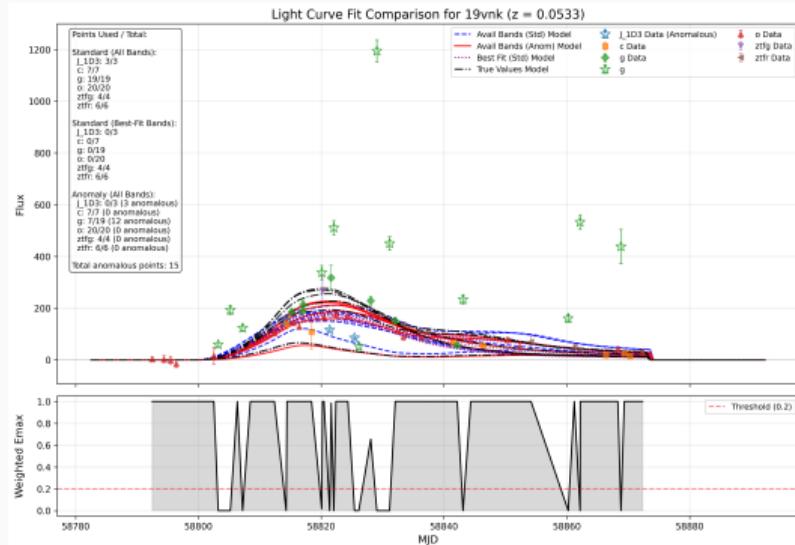
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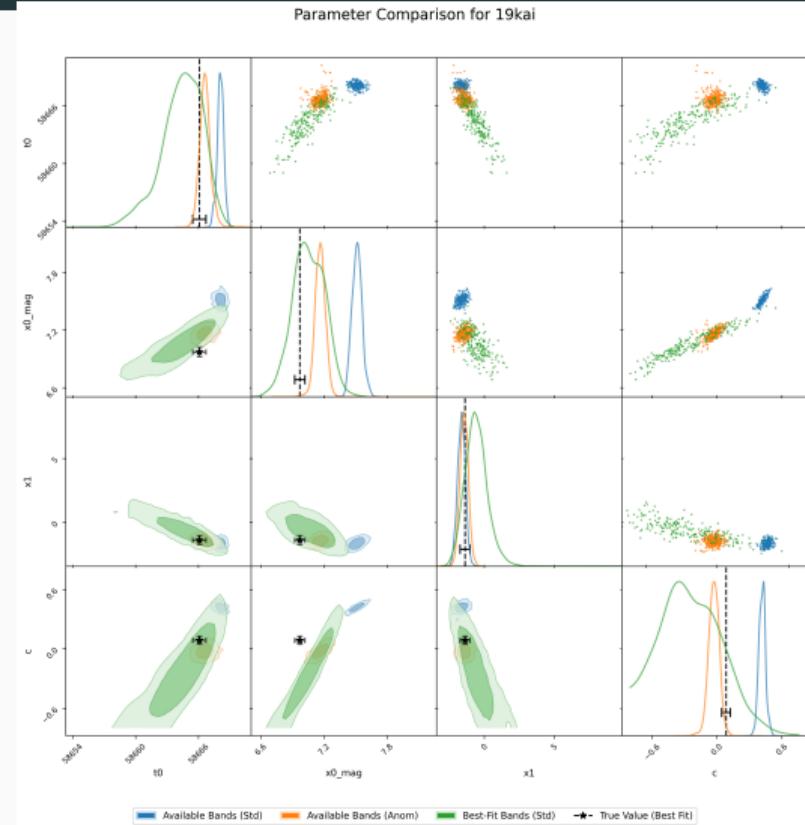
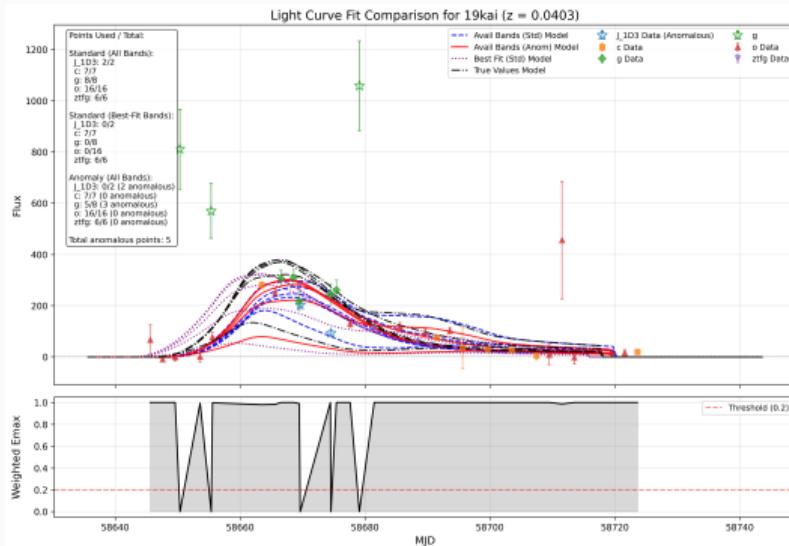
# SN 19amo: Classic 'anomaly detection' example



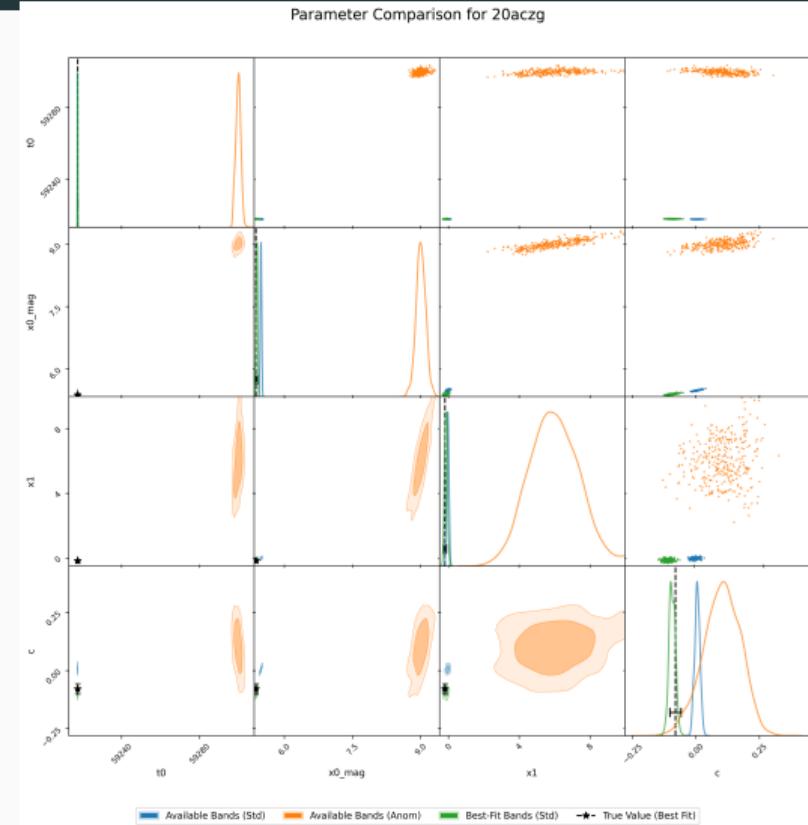
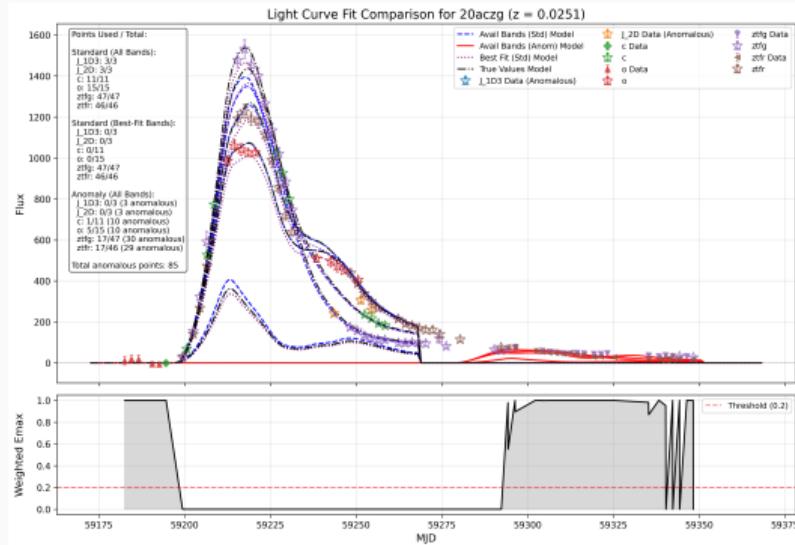
# SN 19vnk: Automatic filter removal



# SN 19kai: Flagging while preserving some data



# SN 20aczg: Light Curve and Corner Plot Comparison



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2. Automated filter selection.
3. Data preservation from previously discarded filters.
4. Potentially can flag non Ia automatically?

## Next steps

- Assess Hubble diagrams
  - Quantify impact on cosmological parameter estimation
  - Compare with traditional outlier rejection methods
  - Evaluate systematic error reduction
- Try on other datasets?
  - Apply to different supernova surveys (ZTF, LSST)
  - Test with different photometric systems
  - Evaluate performance across redshift ranges